

795. The total amount at risk against fire in each year, from 1869, are given in the next table. When it is considered that the very large increase in the amount, upwards of \$460,000,000, represents a proportionate increase in the value of property and in the wealth of the people, it must be admitted that the progress made during the period has been considerable:—

FIRE INSURANCE IN CANADA—AMOUNT AT RISK, 1869 TO 1888.

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER	Fire Insurance.	YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER	Fire Insurance.
	\$		\$
1869.....	188,359,809	1879.....	407,357,985
1870.....	191,594,586	1880.....	411,563,271
1871.....	228,453,784	1881.....	462,210,968
1872.....	251,722,940	1882.....	526,856,478
1873.....	278,754,835	1883.....	572,264,041
1874.....	306,848,219	1884.....	605,507,789
1875.....	364,421,029	1885.....	611,794,479
1876.....	454,608,180	1886.....	586,773,022
1877.....	420,342,681	1887.....	634,767,337
1878.....	409,899,701	1888.....	650,735,059

PART II.—LIFE INSURANCE.

796. There were 30 companies transacting a life insurance business in Canada in 1888, viz. : 11 Canadian, 10 British and 9 American. One new license was issued during the year to an American company, the Germania Life Insurance Company.

797. The value of the insurance effected during the year was \$41,226,529, being an increase of \$3,218,219. The business was divided among the several companies in 1887 and 1888, as follows:—

	1887.	1888.
Canadian companies	\$ 23,505,549	\$ 24,876,259
British	3,067,040	3,985,787
American "	11,435,721	12,364,483
	\$ 38,008,310	\$ 41,226,529

The Canadian companies do a larger share of the business than all the other companies combined, their share in 1887 having been 61·84 per cent., and in 1888 60·34 per cent.